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Re: END-910—New U.S. Patent Application
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Applicant: Kenneth S. Wales, et al.

Dear Sir/Madam:

Please correct the second inventor's name in the above-referenced application to read "Joseph Charles Hueil" and issue a corrected filing receipt reflecting that correction.

Thank you for your help in this matter.

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